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Antitrust – Cartel			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	David Hanselman Raymond Jacobsen Stefan Meisner Paul Thompson	Raymond Jacobsen Stefan Meisner Daniel Powers Paul Thompson
Editorial			
<p>The full-service antitrust practice at McDermott Will & Emery LLP is spread across the country, with attorneys in Washington DC, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Orange County, and <i>'advises clients with a full and accurate understanding of the facts'</i>. A team led by Stefan Meisner is currently acting for a Japanese auto parts manufacturer in a multi-district litigation in the context of the global DOJ investigation, and practice head Raymond Jacobsen, Jr. is currently working with Paul Thompson to defend Impax Laboratories in multi-district litigation arising from the pricing of generic drugs. In Chicago, David Hanselman assisted Eagle Materials and its subsidiary with class action complaints filed by direct and indirect purchasers of plasterboard. Individuals named are based in Washington DC unless otherwise stated.</p>			

Antitrust - Civil litigation/class actions			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 4	David Hanselman Terrence Dee (NEW in this section) William Diaz John Dubrow Raymond Jacobsen Michelle Lowery Stefan Meisner Stephen Wu	David Hanselman Raymond Jacobsen Michelle Lowery Stefan Meisner Katharine O'Connor
Editorial			



Raymond Jacobsen, Jr. heads the global antitrust and competition practice at McDermott Will & Emery LLP from Washington DC. On the healthcare front, a team led by Chicago's **Terry Dee**, Washington's **Jon Dubrow** and Orange County's **William Diaz** is representing group purchasing organization Premier in a class action filed by healthcare providers alleging that Becton Dickinson conspired with the client and its co-defendant to exclude rival syringe suppliers and raise prices. Jacobsen continues to work alongside Chicago-based **David Hanselman** to advise Eagle Materials and American Gypsum in class actions filed by direct and indirect purchasers of drywall, while **Michelle Lowery** and Joel Chefitz secured a dismissal for Steel Dynamics in a nationwide class action claiming that steel manufacturers conspired to restrict supply and fix prices; they are also based in Chicago. Also notable are **Stephen Wu** and **Stefan Meisner**, who both sit in Washington DC.

Antitrust - Merger Control

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	Jeffrey Brennan William Diaz Jon Dubrow Joel Grosberg Gregory Heltzer Raymond Jacobsen Daniel Powers Stephen Wu	Jeffrey Brennan William Diaz Jon Dubrow Joel Grosberg Gregory Heltzer Raymond Jacobsen Daniel Powers Stephen Wu

Editorial

The 'excellent' antitrust group at McDermott Will & Emery LLP 'is uniquely effective in its analysis of regulatory issues', as well as 'exceptionally practical and solutions-oriented'. Especially noted are practice head **Raymond Jacobsen, Jr.** and **Jon Dubrow** who 'stand out from other excellent antitrust lawyers in their ability blend business needs with regulatory demands and formulate a strategy that is sensible and credible'. The pair recently collaborated with **Gregory Heltzer** to secure clearance on behalf of Martin Marietta Materials' \$1.68bn acquisition of Bluegrass Materials, and **Joel Grosberg** oversaw Motorola's all-cash takeover of Aviglion. The firm's stellar client roster also includes names such as Impax, Lockheed Martin and Mountain States Health. Other key names include **Jeffrey Brennan**, **Daniel Powers**, Chicago's **Stephen Wu**, and **William Diaz**, who sits in Orange County. Unless otherwise stated, attorneys are based in Washington DC.



Dispute Resolution: General commercial disputes			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 4	Anthony Bongiorno (NEW) Jon Dean Terrence Dee Russell Hayman Sarah Walters (NEW) Charles Weir	Michael Austin Eliot Burriss Jon Dean Russell Hayman William Schuman Charles Weir
Editorial			
<p>Healthcare litigation is a standout area for McDermott Will & Emery LLP, which is also well versed in tax, IP antitrust and class action litigation, among other areas. In a cross-office effort, Jon Dean and Russell Hayman in Los Angeles and Boston-based Sarah Walters successfully defended Plantronics in a high-stakes antitrust trial in federal court in Delaware. In a case before the California Supreme Court, Charles Weir is the head of the Los Angeles litigation group; Anthony Bongiorno is a name to note in Boston; the '<i>outstanding</i>' Terrence (Terry) Dee is based in Chicago.</p>			

Dispute Resolution: International Trade			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	Carolyn Gleason David Levine Raymond Paretzky	Carolyn Gleason David Levine Raymond Paretzky
Editorial			
<p>Led by Carolyn Gleason, McDermott Will & Emery LLP's five-partner Washington DC-based team has experience across a wide range of contentious and non-contentious transnational matters relating to global trade. Gleason has a particular strength advising clients in the food, beverage and agribusiness sector, and, aided by senior counsel David Levine and Raymond Paretzky, has been representing the US ripe olive industry in anti-dumping and countervailing duty proceedings against imports of ripe olives from Spain. Levine and Paretzky also secured a notable victory for Korean</p>			



multinational CJ Corporation in anti-dumping administrative review proceedings. Other clients include Chiquita Brands, Illinois Tool Works and Olam.

Dispute Resolution: Product liability and Mass Tort Defense (Toxic Tort)

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2	Tier 2	Terrence Dee James Pardo Ellen Tenenbaum Peter Sacripanti Anthony Upshaw	Terrence Dee James Pardo Ellen Tenenbaum Peter Sacripanti Anthony Upshaw

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP represents manufacturers and oil and gas companies in environmental, chemical and asbestos-related litigation. **Terrence Dee** leads the practice in Chicago alongside Miami-based co-head **Anthony Upshaw**, who is acting for Monsanto in products liability mass tort actions related to the manufacturing, sale and distribution of polychlorinated biphenyl. In another highlight, **James Pardo** in New York is defending Exxon Mobil in water contamination cases involving its use of methyl-tertiary butyl ether. Environmental and toxic tort litigator **Ellen Tenenbaum** and oil and gas industry expert **Peter Sacripanti** are other key contacts in the New York office.

Dispute Resolution: Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 5	Tier 5	Gordon Greenberg Russell Hayman Laura McLane Dana McSherry Mark Pearlstein David Rosenbloom	Gordon Greenberg Laura McLane Dana McSherry Mark Pearlstein David Rosenbloom Charles Weir



		Jeffrey Stone (NEW) Steven Scholes (NEW) Charles Weir	
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's team is commended for its <i>'high credibility with government agencies'</i> and <i>'strategic approach'</i>. David Rosenbloom chairs the global practice from Chicago, while Charles Weir leads the group in Los Angeles and <i>'incisive thinker'</i> Laura McLane heads the Boston team. In a standout matter, McLane and Mark Pearlstein (<i>'an absolute delight to work with'</i>) are representing Universal Health Services in a Supreme Court FCA case with industry-wide consequences. Gordon Greenberg, Charles Weir and Russell Hayman in Los Angeles, and Jeffrey Stone and Steven Scholes in Chicago are also recommended.</p>			



Finance: Commercial lending: advice to borrowers			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 5	Tier 4	Michael Boykins Stephanie McCann Gary Rosenbaum	Michael Boykins Anh Lee Stephanie McCann Gary Rosenbaum Joshua Samis
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP has a good track record of advising private equity houses and corporate borrowers in mid-market acquisition finance transactions. Recent highlights include advising HIG Middle Market on the financing for its \$325m acquisition of therapy service provider Reliant Rehabilitation Holdings, and acting for Comvest Partners in relation to the financing for several acquisitions, including its buyout of craft yarn company Spinrite, and the takeover of Engage2Excel, a provider of employee recognition and consumer loyalty solutions. Other key clients include American Builders & Contractors Supply Co, TriplePoint Capital, and True West Capital Partners. The practice is jointly led by Michael Boykins and Stephanie McCann in Chicago, and Gary Rosenbaum, who is based in the firm's Los Angeles office.</p>			

Finance: Restructuring (including bankruptcy) – municipal <i>[please note this section previously titled as municipal bankruptcy]</i>			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2 (UP)	Tier 3	James Kapp William Smith Timothy Walsh	Nathan Coco James Kapp William Smith Timothy Walsh
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP focuses on the areas of healthcare bankruptcy, municipal insolvency and transactional advice. New York-based Timothy Walsh leads a team experienced in acting for debtors, creditors and committees, in pre- and post-bankruptcy filings. In a highlight, the firm is acting for</p>			



Goldman Sachs Asset Management as a holder of several billion in debt instruments related to the \$73bn Puerto Rico owes to creditor; healthcare-related bankruptcy and restructuring specialist **William Smith**, and **James Kapp**, who focuses on distressed companies and interested creditors, are leading in this matter from the firm’s Chicago office. The team also advised Presence Health, an operator of 11 hospitals and 28 senior living facilities in Illinois, in relation to \$1bn worth of debt it incurred. The matter was resolved in 2018 when the client joined Ascension, the largest nonprofit operator of hospital in the US.

Finance: Structured finance: derivatives and structured products

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 4	Andrea Kramer John Lutz David Taub	Andrea Kramer John Lutz David Taub

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP has complementary strengths in structured products and taxation, which it leverages in municipal bond offerings, derivatives-based investment products and exotic derivative agreements including weather derivatives. The financial institutions practice is headed by **David Taub**, who, alongside tax partner **John Lutz**, advises dealer-side clients such as Citibank, Bank of America and Barclays on dozens of derivative transactions each year. Taub and Lutz also assisted Bank of America Merrill Lynch with the development of long-term financing products for use by the bank’s hedge fund clients. On the contentious side, Chicago-based **Andie Kramer** represented a number of clients in CFTC, CME and NYMEX investigations concerning the Commodity Exchange Act and various other exchange rules.



Industry Focus: Energy: renewable/alternative			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 3	*Edward Zaelke (Leading Lawyer) (NEW) Philip Tingle	Philip Tingle
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP acts for financial institutions, private investors, project owners and operators, trade associations and clearing organizations in M&A transactions, corporate financing and tax structuring matters. Headed by Miami-based Philip Tingle, the team has experience of wind, solar, biomass and water projects. Edward Zaelke joined the firm from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in 2019.</p>			



Healthcare (Health Insurers)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 1	Tier 1	Stephen Bernstein Gary Davis Jeremy Earl Ankur Goel Eric Gordon Chris Jedrey Kate McDonald – <i>Next Generation Lawyer (NEW)</i> Joan Polacheck <i>(NEW)</i>	Stephen Bernstein Charles Buck Paul Carr-Rollitt Gary Davis Jeremy Earl Ankur Goel

Editorial

Operating on the 'leading edge' of the industry', McDermott Will & Emery LLP 'has compiled a team of experts covering every aspect of healthcare law'. It is known for advising on the regulatory aspects of major M&A deals, such as CVS Health's \$69bn acquisition of Aetna, which saw Chicago-based **Joan Polacheck** lead a team including Washington DC partners **Kate McDonald**, **Ankur Goel** and **Jeremy Earl**. Other main areas of expertise include dispute resolution in relation to government investigations, anti-kickback rules and reimbursement laws, healthcare advocacy efforts, as well as data breach and digital health matters. Together with LA-based trial lawyers **Tom Ryan** and **Greg Jones**, Chicago antitrust partner **Stephan Wu** represented The Permanente Group against a hospital group which accused the client and its insured of creating a healthcare monopoly in California. In Boston, the 'excellent' global practice group leader **Stephen Bernstein** and 'world-class subject matter expert' **Chris Jedrey** are recommended, while 'leading healthcare compliance lawyer' **Eric Gordon** in Los Angeles is another name to note.



Healthcare (Service Providers)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 1	Tier 1	*Bernadette Broccolo (Leading Lawyer) *Gary Davis (Leading Lawyer) *Chris Jedrey (Leading Lawyer) *Kerrin Slattery (Leading Lawyer) *Eric Gordon (Leading Lawyer) Charles Buck Sandra DiVarco – <i>Next Generation Lawyer (NEW)</i> Tomer Konowiecki – <i>Rising Star (NEW)</i> Monica Wallace – <i>Next Generation Lawyer (NEW)</i>	*Bernadette Broccolo (Leading Lawyer) *Gary Davis (Leading Lawyer) *Chris Jedrey (Leading Lawyer) *Kerrin Slattery (Leading Lawyer) *Eric Gordon (Leading Lawyer) Stephen Bernstein Charles Buck John Callahan Michael Peregrine Jerry Sokol

Editorial

With 'an excellent reputation in the non-profit sector', McDermott Will & Emery LLP 'stands out for its experience, attention to detail and thoughtful approach to problem-solving'. Regulatory managed care and health system advice, private equity transactions and joint ventures, healthcare technology and litigation are four of the team's key pillars of service. Boston-based partners **Christopher Jedrey** and **Charles Buck**, who 'combine technical legal expertise with sound tactical judgment and a strong strategic vision', advised Steward Health Care System on its \$2.1bn merger with IASIS Healthcare and Medical Properties Trust. An ongoing highlight for 'first-rate transactions lawyer' **Bernadette Broccolo** in Chicago and 'excellent tax advisor' **Robert Louthian** in Washington DC is their work for an international specialty hospital and research institute on the design and implementation of a data and technology license venture aimed at providing diagnostic artificial intelligence solutions. In Chicago, clients recommend the 'very intelligent' **Sandra DiVarco**, who collaborated with **Kerrin Slattery** on several change-of-ownership transactions involving client Presence Health, as well as 'excellent communicators' **Monica Wallace** and **Joshua Buchman**. **Eric Gordon** in Los Angeles and **Gary Davis** in Miami are other names to note.



Healthcare (Life Sciences)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 4	Stephen Bernstein Sarah Columbia William Gaede Sarah Hogan (NEW) Roger Kuan (NEW) Vernessa Pollard (NEW) Paul Radensky (NEW) Kristian Werling	Paul DeStefano William Gaede Byron Kalogerou Albert Sokol Kristian Werling
Editorial			
<p>McDermott Will & Emery LLP's patent litigators William (Bill) Gaede in Silicon Valley and Sarah Columbia in Boston have been acting for Amgen in a patent lawsuit brought by the client against Sanofi and Regeneron and alleging the defendants' patent infringement of Amgen's patents to antibody therapies designed to lower cholesterol. The client base also includes 23andMe and Allergan. Other key members of the team are Chicago-based Kristian Werling, who co-heads the practice with Boston's Stephen Bernstein; Washington DC-based Paul Radensky, who specializes in regulatory and reimbursement matters; IP and commercial transactions expert Sarah Hogan in Boston; FDA regulatory practitioner Vernessa Pollard in Washington DC; and Roger Kuan from the San Francisco office, which was opened in March 2019.</p>			



Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution (including re-examination and post-grant proceedings)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2	Tier 1	Kristina Bieker (NEW) Kristin Connarn Michael Fogarty Edward Gordon Judy Mohr (NEW) Ahsan Shaikh - Next Generation Lawyer Robert Underwood	Kristin Connarn Michael Fogarty Edward Gordon Hosang Lee Ahsan Shaikh - Next Generation Lawyer Robert Underwood
Editorial			
<p>The team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP is <i>'extremely knowledgeable of the science behind the patents and also has a strong understanding of the marketplace'</i>. The arrival of Kristina Bieker in Boston bolstered the group's capabilities in the life sciences space -- one of the key sectors. Recent highlights include advising Applied Therapeutics on its IP strategy, licensing and sponsored research, in addition to assisting the client with various corporate matters. The practice's other focus lies in the technology sector, where standout instructions include assisting gaming company Electronic Arts with patent application drafting and examination strategies. Also in the tech industry, the team assists Google with the management of portions of its patent portfolio related to its network infrastructure, including data centers and network access strategies and cloud computing offerings. Also recommended are Edward Gordon, Kristin Connarn, and Robert Underwood in Boston; Judy Mohr in Silicon Valley; Ahsan Shaikh, who is based in Chicago and Silicon Valley; and Michael Fogarty in Washington DC. Clients also include ZTE, Sandoz and Cornell University.</p>			

Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation (Full Coverage)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	Ian Brooks Jon Dean William Gaede	Ian Brooks Sarah Columbia Jon Dean



		Nicole Jantzi Bhanu Sadasivan (NEW) Paul Schoenhard	William Gaede Eric Hagen Russell Hayman Nicole Jantzi Paul Schoenhard
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Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP specializes in the life sciences and technology sectors. Recent standout examples include the representation of 23andMe in a patent and trademark infringement suit against competitor Ancestry.com regarding patents on relatedness identification through DNA analysis; that matter was led by Silicon Valley duo **William Gaede** and **Bhanu Sadasivan**. In Washington DC, practice head **Nicole Jantzi**, **Paul Schoenhard** and **Ian Brooks** secured a PTAB victory for Contour IP Holding in proceedings against GoPro, which had challenged camera patents and filed for appeal after being defeated in first instance. ZTE, Sandoz and Amgen are also clients.

Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation (International Trade Commission)

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 2	Jay Reiziss	Jay Reiziss Charles McMahon

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP has a long track record in ITC work for high-profile clients. Recent standout highlights saw the team representing ZTE and ZTE USA in three separate investigations regarding thirteen mobile phone patents; acting for Panasonic in two investigations, including one settlement with a non-practicing entity and one victory; and the successful defense of Hewlett-Packard and Extreme Networks against a complaint filed by Chrimar Systems. **Jay Reiziss** in Washington DC is the key practitioner.



Intellectual Property: Trade Secrets			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2	Tier 2	Daniel Alberti Judy Mohr	Daniel Alberti Judy Mohr
Editorial			
McDermott Will & Emery LLP's IP team in Silicon Valley regularly acts in trade secret disputes and advisory matters, with Daniel Alberti and Judy Mohr the key names.			

Intellectual Property: Trademarks Litigation			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	*Robert Zelnick (Leading Lawyers) Jorge Arciniega (NEW) Mary Hallerman John Dabney Richard Kim Jennifer Mikulina	*Robert Zelnick (Leading Lawyers) Mary Hallerman John Dabney Richard Kim
Editorial			
The team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP represents a number of clients active in the alcoholic beverages sector. It recently acted for Brooklyn Brewery in two TTAB matters which respectively sought to cancel registrations by Brooklyn Pour and Brooklyn Brew Shop. Richard Kim , John Dabney and Mary Hallerman led on both matters and all three are currently acting for Creative Technology, owner of the BLASTER brand, in opposition to applications filed by Monster. It is argued that the applied-for trademarks, 'Monster Blaster' and 'Monster Blaster Ravebox', are likely to cause confusion with the client's own marks. Additional industries of expertise include technology, life sciences, IT and apparel. Dabney serves as co-head with Chicago-based Jennifer Mikulina . Jorge Arciniega is a name to note in Los Angeles while Robert Zelnick is also recommended. Named attorneys are based in Washington DC unless otherwise stated.			



Intellectual Property: Trademarks non-contentious (including prosecution, portfolio management and licensing)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2	Tier 2	Jorge Arciniega (NEW) Richard Kim Joanne Ludovici (NEW) Jennifer Mikulina Robert Zelnick	Jorge Arciniega Richard Kim Jennifer Mikulina
Editorial			
<p>At McDermott Will & Emery LLP, the ‘<i>very strong</i>’ attorneys provide ‘<i>solid support and deep knowledge</i>’. The full spectrum of trademark-related matters is undertaken by the team, which includes Chicago-based co-head Jennifer Mikulina and the ‘<i>strong business acumen</i>’ of Joanne Ludovici. Richard Kim and Robert Zelnick handle filing, search, clearance, and enforcement matters for Amgen and the team also serves as counsel to Hitachi for US-related trademark matters. Jorge Arciniega is a name to note in the Los Angeles office, other attorneys are based in Washington DC unless otherwise stated. Mars, Hot Topic and 23andMe are also clients.</p>			



Labor & Employment: Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation: Design

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	Steven Eckhaus David Fuller (NEW) Andrew Liazos Todd Solomon Erin Turley (NEW) Joseph Urwitz (NEW) Allison Wilkerson (NEW)	Steven Eckhaus Andrew Liazos Finn Pressly Todd Solomon Judith Wethall

Editorial

Leveraging a 30-lawyer team of *‘industry-leading’* experts, McDermott Will & Emery LLP provides *‘world-class advice’* on all aspects of employee benefits mandates. New York’s **Steven Eckhaus** is particularly noted for his expertise in negotiating executive compensation arrangements, and the *‘excellent’* **Todd Solomon**, who leads the practice from Chicago, is the key name for designing and amending pension plans, profit-sharing arrangements and ESOPs. In a recent practice highlight, Solomon and Boston-based **Andrew Liazos** assisted Darden Restaurants with a major pension de-risking exercise. In addition, Liazos and Boston-based **Joseph Urwitz** advised Chipotle on the restructuring of its executive compensation agreements in light of the 2017 tax reforms. Also recommended are Dallas-based **Allison Wilkerson** and **Erin Turley**, who *‘exceed all expectations’* for their clients, and together provide ongoing employee benefits advice to clients including Dr. Pepper, Cactus Feeders, Freeman Decorating and the American Council of Engineering Companies. Also of note, the Washington DC office was recently strengthened by the addition of **David Fuller** from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. Other key clients include HSBC, Lenovo, MasterCard and Snapchat.

Labor & Employment: Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation: Transactional

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2	Tier 2	Theodore Becker (NEW) Steven Eckhaus	Steven Eckhaus Andrew Liazos



		Andrew Liazos Lisa Loesel Diane Morgenthaler Richard Pearl (NEW) Todd Solomon Erin Turley (NEW) Judith Wethall Allison Wilkerson (NEW)	Lisa Loesel Diane Morgenthaler Todd Solomon Judith Wethall
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Editorial

Based primarily in Chicago, McDermott Will & Emery LLP’s global benefits, compensation & employment head **Todd Solomon** leads a 30-lawyer team, which was recently saw the addition of Chicago-based **Theodore Becker** and **Richard Pearl**, who joined the team from Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, and **David Fuller** in New York, who joined from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. A notable transaction saw Chicago’s **Diane Morgenthaler** and **Lisa Loesel** advise on specialty chemicals company Evonik Industries’ \$630m acquisition of JM Huber. Also in Chicago, **Judith Wethall** handled CVS’s market-leading acquisition of healthcare company Aetna in a \$63bn transaction. Dallas-based **Erin Turley** and **Allison Wilkerson** are assisting Trinity Industries with a spin-off transaction of its infrastructure-related businesses, and **Andrew Liazos** in Boston advised on the employee benefits and executive compensation aspects of WABCO Holdings’ \$250m buy-out of vehicle manufacturer Meritor. Also recommended is **Steven Eckhaus** in New York.

Labor & Employment: ERISA Litigation

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	Theodore Becker (NEW) Wilder (Bill) Boies Eliot Burriss (NEW) Richard Pearl (NEW) Christian Nemeth (NEW)	Wilder (Bill) Boies Chris Scheithauer



		Elizabeth Rowe (NEW) Chris Scheithauer Erin Turley (NEW)	
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Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP has significant expertise in stock-drop litigation cases. In an ongoing highlight, team leader **Christian Nemeth** and **Eliot Burriss** are defending Thalhimer’s ESOP trustee Lance Studdard against a stock-drop action seeking over \$100m in damages. Nemeth, Burriss and Dallas-based **Erin Turley** are also defending the American Society of Appraisers in a \$30m ESOP case in which the practice was hired to file an Amicus brief before the 4th circuit. Counsel **Wilber Boies** secured a dismissal of \$200m of fiduciary breach claims against Chrysler’s top-hat plan filed by former company executives during the company’s restructuring exercise. Additional clients include Cigna, Aetna and Trinity Industries. The team was further strengthened in 2018 by the arrivals of **Theodore Becker** and **Richard Pearl** from Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. Associate **Elizabeth Rowe** also comes recommended. Named attorneys are based in Chicago unless otherwise stated.

Labor & Employment: Immigration

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 3	Tier 3	Joan-Elisse Carpentier	Joan-Elisse Carpentier

Editorial

Taking a partner-led approach to business immigration, McDermott Will & Emery LLP’s immigration group, led by New-York based **Joan-Elisse Carpentier**, is recognized for advising clients on all prevailing visa categories, including citizenship matters, Form I-9 compliance programs and immigration due diligence aspects of mergers and acquisitions. The team also assists companies develop appropriate corporate policies for dealing with immigration issues. Carpentier regularly represents clients from the arts and entertainment industries, including actors, writers, singers, dancers, composers and filmmakers. Her recent workload includes advising a French company operating in Dubai and the Middle East to obtain E-2 investor visas for the president of the US division and the director of marketing.



Labor & Employment Disputes (including collective action): Defense (NEW)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4 (NEW)	--	Rachel Cowen (NEW) Ron Holland (NEW) Maria Rodriguez (NEW) Kerry Scanlon (NEW) Michael Sheehan (NEW) Jerry White (NEW)	--

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP's *'level of expertise is beyond exceptional'*. The group handles the full range of employment law but specializes in particular in non-compete litigation as well as accessibility cases. It was significantly strengthened with the arrival of former members of DLA Piper LLP (US)'s employment team in April 2018, including **Michael Sheehan** in Chicago who now heads the practice. He is well versed acting for IT companies and recently represented Dimension Data in a theft of employer information and trade secrets case. The Los Angeles-based **Maria Rodriguez** is regularly engaged by Verizon, as the team handles all of its California employment litigation and counseling. She also defended Paramount Pictures in a dispute against a former employee who claimed gender discrimination and brought a pay equity case. The client portfolio also includes Warner Brothers, Airbnb and LATAM Airlines. Further names to note among the new recruits are **Rachel Cowen** in Chicago and **Ron Holland** in San Francisco. **Kerry Scanlon** and **Jerry White** in Washington DC from the existing team are also recommended.



M&A/ Corporate & Commercial: M&A: middle-market (\$500m-999m)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 1	Tier 1	*Todd Finger (Leading Lawyer) David Goldman Timothy Alvino Thomas Conaghan Roy Larson (NEW) Fredric Levenson (NEW) John Tamisiea (NEW) Harris Siskind	*Todd Finger (Leading Lawyer) *David Goldman (Leading Lawyer) Timothy Alvino Wilson Chu Thomas Conaghan Gregory Hidalgo Byron Kalogerou David Lipkin Mark Mihanovic Michael Sartor Thomas Sauermilch Harris Siskind Samuel Wales

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP has a particularly strong reputation for transactions involving the energy, manufacturing, chemicals, healthcare, life sciences, and food and drink sectors, with the client list including Irving Oil, Oskar Blues Brewery Holding, Steward Health Care System, Amazon and Comvest Partners. The New York practice is noted for public company deals and major cross-border mandates; **Todd Finger** led advice to Oskar Blues Brewery Holding in its acquisition of Deep Ellum Brewing, a Dallas-based independent craft brewery, and **Timothy Alvino** (together with the firm's London office) acted as deal counsel to Irving Oil in its acquisition of the Tedcastle group of companies. **David Goldman** is another highly rated New York contact. Elsewhere, the Chicago corporate group is highly regarded for public and private equity deals and the office's **John Tamisiea** recently acted for Allscripts Healthcare Solutions in its agreement to acquire HealthGrid Holding Company, a mobile enterprise patient engagement platform business; and the Texas transactional team is well known for deals in the telecoms and technology sectors. In other offices, the Boston team has a strong reputation for its life sciences sector work, the Washington DC practice is led by highly-experienced partner **Thomas Conaghan** and handles deals in the alcoholic beverage and renewable energy industries, and the Miami corporate group, led by **Harris Siskind**, assists serial private equity acquirers. Together with the Chicago office, the Miami group advised longstanding client Comvest Partners, a middle-market private equity investment



firm, on several transactions, including its acquisitions of Spinrite, the largest consumer craft yarn company in North America, and Dura Medic, which specializes in cost elimination programs for hospitals and healthcare providers. Other Miami contacts include **Roy Larson** and **Frederic Levenson**.

Mergers & Acquisitions/ Corporate & Commercial: Private Equity Buyouts			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 5	Tier 5	Laurence Bronska (NEW) Eric Gilbert (NEW) Brooks Gruemmer Roy Larson (NEW) Frederic Levenson Andrew McCune Harris Siskind	Brooks Gruemmer Frederic Levenson Andrew McCune Harris Siskind

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP is deeply embedded in the middle market, with dedicated private equity buyout teams in Chicago, Miami, New York and Washington DC. The firm is especially noted for its record in the healthcare sector. The team is *'great across the board', 'consistently smart, responsive and commercial'* and is *'a go-to firm'*. Key clients include HIG Capital, Quad-C Management, Peak Rock Partners and Great Point Partners. A team led by Miami partner **Roy Larson** advised MEDNAX on its acquisition of Synergy Radiology Associates, a Houston-based radiology provider. **Brooks Gruemmer** is noted for his impressive client relationships, including HIG Capital, a client that is also supported by the Miami office, notably key Miami partner **Harris Siskind**, who heads the private equity team alongside **Andrew McCune** in Chicago. The Miami team advised HIG on a series of deals, including its purchase of IT company Iron Bow Holdings. Miami's **Frederic Levenson** and **Eric Gilbert** *'are both extremely strong'* and *'are trusted to deliver a high level of legal advice'*. **Laurence Bronska** is another prominent name.

Mergers & Acquisitions/ Corporate & Commercial: Venture Capital and Emerging Companies			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 4	Mark Mihanovic Albert Sokol	Mark Mihanovic Albert Sokol



		Samuel Wales	Samuel Wales
Editorial			
<p>With offices in Boston, California, Chicago, Miami, New York and Washington DC, McDermott Will & Emery LLP has a wide-ranging growth companies practice, which is noted for its strength in life sciences, tech, alternative energy, and healthcare matters. The firm is also well known for advising a number of Israeli start-ups. The team's client base includes Collect Biotechnology, Lumiata, Virttu Biologics and Neurovance. Key figures in the group include Silicon Valley and Los Angeles based Mark Mihanovic and Samuel Wales, who is based in Washington DC. Albert Sokol is the name to note in Boston.</p>			



Media, Technology and Telecoms: Cyber Law (including Data Protection and Privacy)			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 4	Daniel Gottlieb Michael Morgan Mark Schreiber	Daniel Gottlieb Michael Morgan Mark Schreiber
Editorial			
<p>The <i>'excellent, practical and efficient'</i> McDermott Will & Emery LLP's practice is jointly headed from Boston, Los Angeles and Chicago by the <i>'extremely well-versed'</i> Mark Schreiber, Michael Morgan, who <i>'has a phenomenal understanding of his clients' business needs'</i>, and Daniel Gottlieb, who <i>'is not only creative and smart, but also incredibly pleasant'</i>. Highlights included assisting software publisher Block.one with data protection compliance matters related to the development of a mobile application designed to connect users to decentralized mobile applications that run on blockchain; and advising global provider of equipment and services for electric power systems S&C Electric on its obligations under GDPR.</p>			
Media, Technology and Telecoms: Outsourcing			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 1 (UP)	Tier 2	*David Guedry (Leading Lawyer) Shawn Helms Jason Krieser Heather Bethancourt	*David Guedry (Leading Lawyer) Shawn Helms Jason Krieser Heather Bethancourt
Editorial			
<p>The <i>'very professional and pragmatic'</i> team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP <i>'swiftly and professionally'</i> handles outsourcing matters in the telecoms, healthcare and information technology industries. David Guedry, who divides his time between Dallas and Houston, advised the information technology services provider Unisys on a desktop service arrangement with what is now DXC Technologies. Dallas-based Heather S. Bethancourt advised Baptist Health of South Florida on the outsourcing of its revenue cycle management operations to Health Systems Solutions, a joint venture between the client and the management consultancy Navigant. The department is jointly headed by Shawn C. Helms and Jason D. Krieser, who are both based in Dallas.</p>			



Media, Technology and Telecoms: Technology Transactions			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 4	Tier 4	Heather Bethancourt David Guedry Shawn Helms Sarah Hogan Jason Krieser	Heather Bethancourt Wilson Chu David Guedry Shawn Helms Gregory Hidalgo Sarah Hogan Jason Krieser David Lipkin Albert Sokol
Editorial			
<p>Dallas-based Shawn C. Helms and Jason D. Krieser jointly head the team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, which advises on outsourcing, licensing and cloud computing arrangements in the telecoms, IT, healthcare, social media and e-commerce sectors. Other contacts include David Guedry and Heather S. Bethancourt, also in Dallas, and Sarah T. Hogan, who practices in the firm's Boston office. Highlights have included advising Monsanto on an application development deal in connection with an IT outsourcing transaction, and acting for Baxalta in a research development collaboration with Precision BioSciences concerning the development and commercialization of a T-cell therapy. Other clients have included Motorola, Xerox Corporation and Finnair.</p>			



Tax: Financial Products			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2	Tier 2	*Andrea Kramer (Leading Lawyer) Steven Hadjilogiou (NEW) John Lutz Marcy Jo Mandel (NEW) Charles Moll (NEW) David Taub Alan Schwartz - <i>Next Generation Lawyer</i> Troy Van Dongen (NEW) Mark Yopp	*Andrea Kramer (Leading Lawyer) John Lutz William Pomierski David Taub Alan Schwartz - <i>Next Generation Lawyer</i> Mark Yopp - <i>Next Generation Lawyer</i>
Editorial			
<p>The team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP advises on the US tax aspects of cross-border matters for large financial institutions. Partners leading the group's work include Andrea Kramer in Chicago, and David Taub, John Lutz and Alan Schwartz in New York. The team is working with Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Citibank on the tax aspects of long-term financing products, specialty finance products, derivative transactions and structured finance arrangements. Kramer represented a number of clients in the CFTC, CME Group and New York Mercantile Exchange investigations over the application of the Commodity Exchange Act and various exchange rules. The firm welcomed Charles Moll and Troy Van Dongen into its San Francisco office and counsel Marcy Jo Mandel into its Los Angeles office in August 2018; the trio joined from Winston & Strawn LLP. The group also added Steven Hadjilogiou and two associates in Miami in March 2018 from Baker McKenzie LLP.</p>			

Tax: International Tax			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 2	Tier 1	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) Steven Hadjilogiou (NEW) Damon Lyon	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) Kristen Hazel Philip Levine



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Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP's international tax team has been working on major recent deals for household names and is praised for its *'outstanding technical expertise'*. The *'responsive'* **Lowell Yoder** in Chicago and **Tim Shuman** in Washington DC advised JAB Holding Company and the subsidiary it majority owns, Keurig Green Mountain, on Keurig Green Mountain's merger with Dr Pepper Snapple Group, valued at \$20bn, and advised JAB on its \$7.5bn acquisition of Panera Bread Company. Yoder also worked with **Damon Lyon** in Chicago, advising long-time client Procter & Gamble on navigating the US tax reform rules from 2017. **Caroline Ngo**, **David Noren** and **Michael Wilder** are doing similar work for Aon in the Washington DC office. In March 2018, the firm welcomed **Steven Hadjilogiou** and two associates to its Miami office from Baker McKenzie LLP.

Tax: US Taxes: Contentious			
Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned 2018
Tier 1	Tier 1	Laura Gavioli (NEW) Steven Hadjilogiou (NEW) Roger Jones Jane May Marcy Jo Mandel (NEW) Charles Moll (NEW) Caroline Ngo Mark Thomas (NEW) Troy Van Dongen (NEW) Mark Yopp	Roger Jones Jane May Andrew Roberson



Editorial

The *'very knowledgeable'* team at McDermott Will & Emery LLP assists clients with tax controversies, administrative appeals and tax litigation. **Mark Thomas** and **Laura Gavioli** based in Dallas advised former Brazil central bank president Arminio Fraga, in a case against the IRS for alleged improper capital gains treatment afforded to Fraga's hedge fund and private equity company, Gávea Investimentos. Another major highlight for the team was a complete victory in the US Tax Court case Illinois Tool Works Inc. & Subsidiaries, v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, led by **Caroline Ngo** out of Washington DC. Chicago counsel **Roger Jones** is well respected, and **Jane May** and **Mark Yopp** are also notable. The firm welcomed **Charles Moll** and **Troy Van Dongen** into the firm's San Francisco office and counsel **Marcy Jo Mandel** into its Los Angeles office in August 2018; the trio joined from Winston & Strawn LLP. The group also added **Steven Hadjilogiou** and two associates to its Miami office in March 2018; they joined from Baker McKenzie LLP.

Tax: US Taxes: non-contentious

Ranking 2019	Ranking 2018	Lawyers Mentioned 2019	Lawyers Mentioned in 2018 in various regions
Tier 2	Tier 2	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) John Lutz Damon Lyon Timothy Shuman Alan Schwartz	*Lowell Yoder (Leading Lawyer) Damon Lyon Jane May

Editorial

McDermott Will & Emery LLP's tax group is *'extremely effective through its combination of technical knowledge, practical application, and responsiveness'*, and *'consistently delivers the right answers with carefully considered alternative suggestions in reasonable time'*. *'Outstanding'* **Lowell Yoder** and Washington DC partner **Tim Shuman** *'are the first and last tax advisors to call for any complex tax question'*; the duo acted for JAB Holdings in the merger of Keurig Green Mountain with Dr Pepper Snapple Group to create Keurig Dr Pepper, and also advised the client on its \$7.5bn acquisition of the Panera Bread Company. Further, the team advised CVS Health on the tax aspects of the proposed \$69bn cash and stock purchase of insurer Aetna. In New York, **Alan Schwartz** regularly advises financial institutions on cross-border tax planning, structured transactions and investments; his recent clients include Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Credit Suisse. Other names to note are **Damon Lyon**, who has expertise in cross-border M&A, and New York-based **John Lutz**, who specializes in the tax aspects of structured finance, derivatives, structured products and hedge funds.

